

MARGARET RIVER

## 2019 Hazel's Syrah

A highly fragrant wine, with lifted lavender, white pepper and cinnamon spice entwined with a savoury note of cured meats and roasted nuts. The palate opens with black cherries, plums and a velvety mocha note, followed by pepper spice and fine tannins. A wine unlike any other in the region and a true reflection of the 'Syrah' style.

## Vintage Report

Vintage 2019 required meticulous vineyard management as a result of cooler than average temperatures, wet conditions and low sun exposure. Careful canopy management, precise picking decisions and accurate fruit sorting were essential for producing high quality wines. The Marri trees didn't blossom and the birds were hungry resulting in a lower than average yield despite our extensive netting program. Smaller canopies in our dry farmed vineyards and regular leaf plucking enabled us to pick ripe, clean fruit and produce whites with excellent purity and great natural acidity. Reds benefited from the long ripening season showing elegant tannins and great aromatic lift.

## Wine Making

Sourced from a single block of bio-dynamically farmed Syrah at Hazel's Vineyard. The fruit was hand harvested and a concrete fermenter was then filled fruit, 30% of which was whole clusters. The fermenter was then sealed for several days to allow for carbonic maceration within the berries. Gentle extraction followed for the following 10 days. After pressing, the wine was aged in a single 2800L French Oak Cask for 9 months, before racking and a small sulphur addition. The wine was bottled in summer 2020.

## Vineyard

100% Hazel's Vineyard. Our southernmost vineyard which is further inland than our Burnside and Calgardup vineyards. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine. Soil type: Ironstone gravel loam.

District of Origin 100% Margaret River

Grapes 100% Syrah

Analysis Alc 14%

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